

- Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a metallic mirror having an aluminum or aluminum alloy substrate, a titanium oxide intermediate layer and a copper metallic reflective layer with a particular surface reflectance detail, classified in class 359, subclass 838;
- Group III: Claim 4, drawn to a metallic mirror having an aluminum or aluminum alloy substrate, a titanium oxide intermediate layer and a copper metallic reflective layer with particular substrate (rotary polygonal) details, classified in class 359, subclass 850; and
- Group IV: Claims 15-22 and 26, drawn to a process for producing a metallic rotary polygonal mirror comprising forming an intermediate titanium oxide layer by vacuum deposition on a metallic polygonal mirror substrate of aluminum or an aluminum alloy, forming a high reflectance metallic layer of copper by vacuum deposition on the intermediate layer and forming at least one protective aluminum oxide layer by vacuum deposition on the reflective layer, classified in class 427, subclass 162.

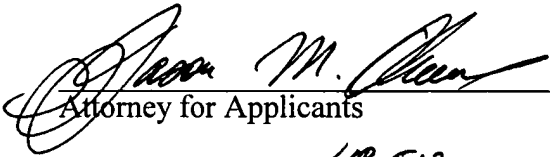
Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 2, 5-10 and 14, with traverse. Further, as stated by the Examiner on page 3 of the Restriction Requirement, since claim 1 links Groups I, II and III, upon allowance of claim 1, the restriction requirement among these groups should be withdrawn.

Further, under M.P.E.P. § 821.04, Applicants request rejoinder of the claims of Group IV, directed to the process for producing the product of claim 1 and Groups I-III, in the event that claim 1 and/or the claims of Group I, II or III are allowed. If needed,

Applicants request an opportunity to amend the claims of Group IV to be commensurate in scope with the allowed claims.

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